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July 7, 2009

Honorable Board of Commissioners
Housing Authority of the
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Commissioners:

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HOUSING AUTHORITY

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JULY 14, 2009

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT RESOLUTION CERTIFYING CRIME TRACKING FOR THE CONVENTIONAL
PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTE)**

SUBJECT

This letter recommends approval of a resolution certifying that the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (Housing Authority) will track criminal activity at the Conventional Public Housing and Project-Based Section 8 Multifamily housing developments and take related actions to reduce crime.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt and instruct the Chairman to sign a resolution, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, certifying that the Housing Authority will track criminal activity at the Conventional Public Housing and Project-Based Section 8 Multifamily developments and take related actions to reduce crime.
2. Find that approval of the resolution is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the action is not defined as a project under CEQA.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires that your Board adopt a resolution, attached to this letter, certifying that the Housing Authority will track criminal activity and take other actions to deter crime at its Conventional Public Housing and Project-Based Section 8 Multifamily housing developments.



The resolution details the Housing Authority's current efforts to track crime and cooperate with local law enforcement. The Housing Authority has adopted screening criteria to deny admission to applicants with a history of drug-related or violent crimes. The Housing Authority has also implemented policies to evict tenants who engage in drug-related or violent crimes on or off Housing Authority property. These policies comply with current U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no fiscal impact associated with adoption of the resolution.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County Counsel has approved the attached resolution as to form. On June 25, 2009, the Housing Commission recommended approval of the resolution.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Approval of the resolution is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations § 58.34 (a)(3) because it involves administrative activities that will not have a physical impact on or result in any physical changes to the environment. The activity is not subject to the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(3) and 15378 because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT PROGRAM

The Housing Authority's crime prevention practices will continue to help ensure a safe and secure environment for resident families.

Respectfully submitted,


SEAN ROGAN
Executive Director

Attachment

**2009 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RELATING TO
TRACKING CRIME, SCREENING CRITERIA, AND EVICTION CRITERIA IN
COMPLIANCE WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS.**

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles ("Housing Authority") administers the Conventional Public Housing and Section 8 Multi-Family Housing programs to provide housing for low-income residents of the County of Los Angeles, using funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"); and

WHEREAS, administration of these housing programs includes screening applicants, tracking criminal activity on site, cooperation with local law enforcement, physical improvements to the properties, and tenant counseling, education and training; and

WHEREAS, in 1991 the Board of Commissioners approved and adopted a policy of zero tolerance for drug-related criminal activity or violent criminal activity by residents, their family members or guests on Housing Authority property; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 1999, the Board of Commissioners approved a Resolution confirming that the Housing Authority shall track crime, cooperate with local law enforcement, adopt screening criteria to deny applicants who engage in violent criminal activity, drug-related criminal activity or engage in alcohol abuse in a manner that may interfere with other residents, and adopt policies that require the Housing Authority to evict any resident and/or household member for engaging in violent criminal activity on or off the Housing Authority property or engaging in abuse of alcohol in manner that interferes with other residents;

WHEREAS the Housing Authority has continued to track crime, cooperate with local law enforcement, adopt screening criteria to deny applicants who engage in violent criminal activity, drug-related criminal activity or engage in alcohol abuse in a manner that may interfere with other residents, and has amended its policies that require the Housing Authority to evict any resident and/or household member for engaging in drug-related and violent criminal activity on or off the Housing Authority property or engaging in abuse of alcohol in manner that interferes with other residents.

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority has and will continue to track criminal activity, cooperate with local law enforcement, deny applicants who engage in violent criminal activity, drug-related criminal activity or abuse alcohol in a manner that may interfere with other residents, and evict residents and household members who engage in drug-related and violent criminal activity on or off of Housing Authority property or engage in alcohol abuse in a manner that interferes with other residents in compliance with federal and state laws and HUD regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority hereby determines and resolves as follows:

1. The Housing Authority shall continue to track crime and crime-related problems and report incidents of crime on its properties, when reported to or observed by the Housing Authority, to local law enforcement, and shall cooperate with local law enforcement in tracking such crime and crime-related problems in compliance with federal and state laws and HUD regulations.
2. The Housing Authority shall continue existing agreements with local enforcement agencies to provide supplement law enforcement and engage in an exchange of information relating to Housing Authority residents as authorized by law.

3. The Housing Authority has revised prior versions of the Admissions and Continuing Occupancy Policies and Standards, where necessary, to provide that applicants for public housing as follows:
 - a. The applicant shall be permanently barred from admission if the applicant or any member of the household is subject to a lifetime sex-offender registration requirement imposed by a sex registration program of any state;
 - b. The applicant shall be permanently barred from admission if any member of the applicant's household has ever been convicted of drug-related criminal activity for the manufacture or production of methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing;
 - c. The applicant shall be denied if he or she has a history of activity involving crimes to persons or property and/or other criminal acts that would adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of other residents or Housing Authority personnel;
 - d. The applicant shall be denied if he or she has a history of being evicted because of drug-related criminal activity, from housing assisted under the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, within three years of submitting an application, unless the applicant has successfully completed a rehabilitation program approved by the Housing Authority;
 - e. The applicant shall be denied if he or she is illegally using a controlled substance; or
 - f. The applicant shall be denied if he or she abuses or has a pattern of abusing alcohol in a way that causes behavior that may threaten the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents or Housing Authority personnel unless the applicant has successfully completed a rehabilitation program approved by the Housing Authority.
4. The Housing Authority shall continue to revise the Occupancy Policies and Standards and Lease Agreement, where necessary, to provide that the Housing Authority shall evict residents and household members who:
 - a. Engage in conduct that subjects them to a lifetime sex-offender registration requirement imposed by a Sex Registration program of any State;
 - b. Engage in drug-related criminal activity (as defined at Section 6(e) of the 1937 Housing Act (42 U.S.C.A. § 1437d(e)) on or off of Housing Authority property;
 - c. Engage in violent criminal activity on or off the Housing Authority property;
 - d. Engage in criminal activity that threatens the health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of the Housing Authority properties by other residents or Housing Authority personnel;
 - e. Engage in the abuse of alcohol in such a way that causes behavior that interferes with the health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents or Housing Authority personnel.

5. The Executive Director of the Housing Authority is instructed to submit this 2009 Resolution to HUD, and to take all related actions for continued administration of the Conventional Public Housing Program.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By

Don Krue
Chair, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Sachi A. Hamai
SACHI HAMAI
Executive Officer/Clerk of
The Board of Commissioners



By

Lachelle Smitherman
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ROBERT KALUNIAN
County Counsel

By

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ATTEST: SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By Lachelle Smitherman Deputy

APPROVED BY BOARD ACTION ON JUL 14 2009